

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed March 20, 2002, a restriction requirement was issued requiring election among the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-7, 15-18, drawn to an opto-electronic device, classified in class 257, and subclass 778;

Group II: Claims 8-14, drawn to a method of making an opto-electronic device, classified in class 438, and subclass 108;

Group III: Claims 11-14, drawn to a method of operating a thermo-optic switch, classified in class 385, and subclass 16; and

Group IV: Claims 15-18, drawn to a system comprising a thermo-optic switch and an electrical controller, classified in class 385, and subclass 4.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to restate the groupings because Group I and Group IV include overlapping claims, and Group II and Group III include overlapping claims. Thus, Applicant is not able to properly pick a single Group. Applicant may be reached at the below phone number to discuss this matter.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666.

Very truly yours,

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